

Simple Sentence or Compound Sentence?

7a. A **simple sentence** contains one independent clause and no subordinate clauses.

7b. A **compound sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and no subordinate clauses.

Do not confuse a compound sentence with a simple sentence that contains a compound subject, a compound verb, or both.

SIMPLE SENTENCE ^SCoach ^SMendes and her [✓]team [✓]lost the first game of the double-header but won the second. [one independent clause with a compound subject and a compound verb]

COMPOUND SENTENCE ^SSammi [✓]can play several instruments, but the ^Sbanjo [✓]is her favorite. [two independent clauses]

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, draw one line under each subject and two lines under each verb. Then, on the line provided, identify the sentence by writing *S* for *simple* or *Cd* for *compound*.

Example *S* 1. David Attenborough has studied many unusual creatures and has written about their unique habitats and behaviors.

- _____ 1. I hurried over to Michael's house and met Rafiq on the way.
- _____ 2. The lightning struck the radio towers on the hill several times but did not damage them.
- _____ 3. The blinking light grew dim, and then it flashed several times.
- _____ 4. The gulls circle the fishing boat; they are hoping for a quick meal.
- _____ 5. The purple lantana and the red salvia look pretty and attract both bees and butterflies.
- _____ 6. After school I feed the rabbits, and Kris looks after the guinea pigs.
- _____ 7. In the evening the Korean restaurant opens and welcomes crowds of hungry diners.
- _____ 8. Patty and Carla are throwing Hilton a surprise party in their big backyard sometime next weekend.
- _____ 9. The crab scuttled quickly into the water, for it saw a heron nearby.
- _____ 10. I left, but Marcy stayed.